

BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of Application No. 2004-01

**Wind Ridge Power Partners, L.L.C.**

**Wild Horse Wind Power Project**

Notice of Application for Site Certification;

Notice of Public Informational Meeting, Land-  
Use Hearing, and Scoping Meeting Under the  
State Environmental Policy Act:

April 22, 2004, Ellensburg, Washington

**Notice of Application for Site Certification**

On March 9, 2004, Wind Ridge Power Partners L.L.C., (Wind Ridge or Applicant) a wholly owned subsidiary of Zilkha Renewable Energy, submitted an Application for Site Certification to the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) to construct and operate the Wild Horse Wind Power Project (Project), a generation facility consisting of up to 158 wind generation turbines, and with a nameplate capacity up to 312 megawatts. Related Project facilities include: access roads; foundations; underground and overhead electrical lines, substations and interconnection facilities to allow transmission through existing Puget Sound Energy or Bonneville Power Administration transmission lines; an operations and maintenance center; a concrete batch plant and quarries, and associated supporting infrastructure and facilities. The proposed Project would be located along the ridge tops of Whiskey Dick Mountain, two miles north of Vantage Highway, and 11 miles east of the City of Kittitas, in Kittitas County, Washington.

EFSEC has taken lead agency status under WAC 173-11-938 of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) rules for the environmental review of this wind generation facility. EFSEC will be preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for this Project. EFSEC will be accepting comments regarding the scope of the EIS through April 30, 2004, as indicated below.

Copies of the Wild Horse Wind Power Project Application are on display at the following locations:

- Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, 925 Plum Street SE, Building 4, Olympia, WA, 98504-3172, (360) 956-2121; [www.efsec.wa.gov](http://www.efsec.wa.gov);
- Washington State Library, Joel M. Pritchard Branch, 6880 Capitol Blvd South, Olympia, WA, 98504-2460, (360) 704-5200;
- Kittitas Library, NE corner 2nd & Pierce Streets, Kittitas, WA, 98934, (509) 968-0226;
- Ellensburg Public Library, 209 North Ruby Street, Ellensburg, WA, 98926, (509) 962-7250.

Interested persons can request a copy of the application in hardcopy or electronic (CD-ROM) format by contacting Irina Makarow, Siting Manager, EFSEC, at the phone, e-mail or address below.

**Notice of Public Informational Meeting, Land Use Hearing and Scoping Meeting under the State Environmental Policy Act** - On April 22, 2004, EFSEC will hold a Public Informational Meeting and Land-Use Hearing as required by RCW 80.50 090, and a SEPA Scoping meeting pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act, and EFSEC laws, at the following time and location:

**April 22, 2004**

**Meeting Agenda:**

**Home Arts Building**

**Kittitas County Fairgrounds**

**512 North Poplar Street**

**Ellensburg, WA 98926**

6:00 p.m.: Open House

6:30 p.m.: Public Informational Presentation

7:00 p.m.: Land-Use Hearing, followed by SEPA  
Scoping Meeting

**Public Informational Meeting** - At the Public Informational Meeting the general public will have an opportunity to speak to Council staff, the Council's independent consultant, and the Counsel for the Environment about the Council's application review and EIS development process. The Applicant will present a description of the Project, reasons why the proposed site or location was selected, and a short summary of anticipated environmental, social, and economic impacts. Council staff will describe the state's siting process. A short presentation will also be made by John Lane, Counsel for the Environment, a Washington State Assistant Attorney General who represents the citizens of Washington State before EFSEC. The Public Informational Meeting will begin with an Open House at 6:00 p.m., followed by the presentations described above starting at 6:30 p.m.

**Land-Use Hearing** - At 7:00 p.m., the Council will convene a formal Land Use Hearing, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 80.50.090 of the Revised Code of Washington, and Chapter 463-26 of the Washington Administrative Code, for the purpose of determining if the proposed Wild Horse Wind Power Project site is consistent with Kittitas County or regional land use plans and zoning ordinances. Public testimony will be taken at this hearing, but it will be limited to land use and zoning consistency issues. Interested persons may also send written comments by surface mail or e-mail to the address indicated below. To be considered as Land Use Hearing exhibits, comments must:

- 1) Specifically address the matter of the proposal's land-use consistency with Kittitas County or regional land use plans and zoning ordinances; and
- 2) Be **received in EFSEC's office no later than 5:00 p.m. April 22, 2004**, or be **hand delivered** at the April 22, 2004 hearing.

Written comments should be addressed to: Allen J. Fiksdal, EFSEC, P.O. Box 43172, Olympia, Washington, 98504-3172, or by e-mail to [efsec@ep.cted.wa.gov](mailto:efsec@ep.cted.wa.gov).

**SEPA Scoping Meeting** - Following the Land-Use Hearing, a formal scoping meeting will be held during which members of the public may provide suggestions and comments regarding issues to be addressed in the environmental impact statement. The issues identified in the scoping process will be taken into account during the preparation of the environmental impact statement for this proposal.

Scoping comments may also be submitted in writing at the meeting, or may be sent to EFSEC's SEPA Responsible Official, Mr. Allen Fiksdal, P.O. Box 43172, Olympia, Washington, 98504-3172, or by e-mail to efsec@ep.cted.wa.gov. Comments concerning the scope of analysis in the EIS must be **received in the EFSEC office no later than 5 p.m. April 30, 2004.**

**Additional Information** - In addition to this public informational and scoping meeting, there will be other opportunities for public comment at future public meetings. To receive notice of future meetings please contact EFSEC at the address or e-mail above, and request to be added to the Wild Horse Wind Power Project Mailing List.

For additional information about the EFSEC review of the Wild Horse Wind Power Project you can contact: Irina Makarow, EFSEC Siting Manager, P.O. Box 43172, Olympia, WA, 98504-3172, (360) 956-2047, efsec@ep.cted.wa.gov.

For additional information about the Counsel for the Environment and public participation: you can contact: John Lane, Counsel for the Environment, Assistant Attorney General's Office, 1125 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 40100, Olympia, WA 98504-0100, (360) 586-2438, johnl1@atg.wa.gov.

The Public Information Meeting, Land-Use hearing, and SEPA Scoping meeting are EFSEC special meetings under the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 42.30 RCW.

If you require additional information, special assistance, the assistance of a translator, or auxiliary aids to participate in the meeting, please contact Tammy Talburt, EFSEC Office Assistant, at (360) 956-2122 as soon as possible. For TDD, call (360) 586-4224.

Dated at Olympia, Washington this 30th day of March 2004.

Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Allen J. Fiksdal  
EFSEC Manager